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FISHERY UPDATE



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JUNEAU HERRING UPDATE #6

The department conducted an aerial survey of Seymour Canal and Tenakee Inlet this morning.

Survey conditions in Tenakee Inlet were good with mostly cloudy skies and calm wind. The herring spawn event documented over the last few days has greatly diminished. Only 0.3 nautical miles of active spawn was documented on this survey in the same area near Crab Bay.

Survey conditions in Seymour Canal were good with high overcast skies and light winds. There has been no notable change in Seymour Canal. Marine predators continue to be abundant in the core area. No schools of herring or herring spawn have been observed to date. The department research vessel *Medeia* departed Juneau early yesterday for Seymour Canal. The Seymour Canal herring sac-ro-e fishery was placed on 2-hour notice beginning 9:00 p.m. Monday April 23, 2012.

Department operations will base from the *R/V Medeia* until the Seymour fishery closes. Herring monitoring of all areas will continue on a regular basis, although distribution of Juneau area herring updates will be interrupted until department staff return from the field.

The next aerial survey will be conducted this morning and will include Seymour Canal, Tenakee Inlet, and Lynn Canal.

Juneau herring updates will be posted on the ADFG web site listed below.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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